of Railways and CIL have been registered, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) whether the CIL would arrange for rechecking of weight of coal booked by consumers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NAYAMAGOUDA): (a) According to information furnished by Coal India Ltd. (CIL), they produced a total of 204.14 M.T. of coal during 1991-92. Of this 0.87 M.T. was classified as capital production, 3.35 M.T. was used for domestic consumption and the remaining 199.92 M.T. has been accounted as revenue production for the purpose of form over. The net sales value of this revenue production (exclusive of levies such as royalty, cess and other taxes) has been taken as Rs. 5922.62 crores.

(b) There have been some complaints regarding short weightment of coal. However, the alleged shortages are not uniform and these could be due to short weighment or en-route pilferage.

(c) Govt. is not aware of such instances. However, if any specific cases are brought to the notice of the Govt. these would be got investigated.

(d) As per available information, no case has been registered against Railways and Coal India Ltd. officers for collusion in false weighment of railway wagons.

(e) Movement of rail borne coal is arranged on ex-colliery 'FOR' basis. All efforts are being made to ensure proper weighment of coal through better maintenance of existing weighbridges and installation of new weighbridges. Consumers can also post their representatives to inspect loading and weighment of coal at loading/weighment points. However, Coal India Ltd. do not have any facility for re-checking of weight of coal en-route after the coal has left the loading/weighment points.

Technological changes in eltctronic Industry

170. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the sweeping technological chages in electronic industry in the West;

(b) whether electronic component manufacturers have sought Government's support to the component industry to adopt the new technological changes; and

(c) if so, Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARMANGALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Goverment of India have set up an Advisory Committee for promotion of Surface Mount Technology in the country with members from public and Private sector industry.

Attacks on Indian living abroad

171. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that there has recently been a considerable increase in violent attacks on people of Indian origin living abroad;

(b) whether it is also a fact that our embassies have failed to effectively come to the rescue of such victims; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) Instances of attacks on people of Indian original living abroad have come to notice of the Government. Our Missions have been in constant touch with local Government in all such cases to ensure that the interests of the people of Indian Origin are safeguarded.

(c) Indian Missions abroad have been instructed that the welfare of people of Indian origin is an important responsibility and they should maintain effective and close liaison with their host Government to protect the interests and welfare of people of Indian origin.

Sri Lankan refugees in Tamil Nadu

172. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than one lakh Sri Lankan Tamil refugees are living in various camps of Tamil Nadu and the Sri Lankan Government has not taken any steps so far the return of the Sri Lankan Tamils; and

(b) what steps Government are taking for the return of Sri Lankan Tamils of Sri Lanka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) As on 30th June, 1992, 89,332 Sri Lankan refugees were staying in various camps in Tamil Nadu. Following agreement between India & Sri Lanka, the repatriation of Sri Lankan refugees to their country was started on 20th January, 1992, based on their willingness to return and on assurances for their safety, security and appropriate rehabilitation arrangement by the Government of Sri Lanka. A total of 23,125 refugees were repatriated by sea & air upto 15th May, 1992. The repatriation process will be resumed as soon as whether conditions improve.

बंगला देश के प्रधान मंत्री की भारत यात्रा

173. डा० बापू कालदाते :
श्री कृष्णकुमार बिरला :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बंगला देश के प्रधान मंत्री की भारत यात्रा के दौरान किन-किन मामलों पर बातचीत की गई ;

(ख) कौन-कौन से मामलों पर आम सहमति बनी ;

(ग) तीन बीघा के बारे में दोनों देशों द्वारा क्या निर्णय किया गया है ;

(घ) चकमा शरणार्थियों के संबंध में बंगलादेश की प्रधान मंत्री का क्या रवैया रहा ;

(ङ) चकमा शरणार्थियों को वापस स्वदेश भेजने के बारे में सरकार द्वारा क्या बातचीत की गई ; और

(च) इन शरणार्थियों को कब तक उनके देश में वापस भेजा जाएगा ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर०एल० भाटिया) : (क) और (ख) अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय और बहु पक्षीय मामलों के अतिरिक्त नदी जल विभाजन, गैर कानूनी आप्रवासन तथा आर्थिक और सांस्कृतिक क्षेत्रों में सहयोग जैसे द्विपक्षीय मामलों पर चर्चा हुई। परस्पर हित के द्विपक्षीय और बहुपक्षीय क्षेत्रों में सहयोग बढ़ाने पर एक व्यापक सहमति हुई ।

(ग) तीन बीघा करार की शर्तों के अंतर्गत 26 जून, 1992 को बंगला देश राष्ट्रिकों के प्रयोग के लिए तीन बीघा कारीडोर खोल दिया गया ।

(घ) और (ङ) दोनों प्रधान मंत्री इस बात पर सहमत हुए कि चकमा शरणार्थियों को पूर्ण सुरक्षा और हिफाजत के साथ वापस बंगलादेश भेजने की तेजी से व्यवस्था की जाए । बंगलादेश पक्ष राजनैतिक स्तर की एक प्रतिनिधिक समिति के गठन पर सहमत हुआ, जो शरणार्थियों को वापस जाने के लिए उत्साहित करेगी ।

(च) प्रत्यावासन प्रक्रिया को पूरा करने के लिए कोई तारीख निर्धारित नहीं की गई है ।

Pending passport applications

174. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lakhs of applications for passports are pending